

Remarks /Arguments:

Claim 2 (along with most of the other pending claims) has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Tsuneoka (U.S. 2004/0252475). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

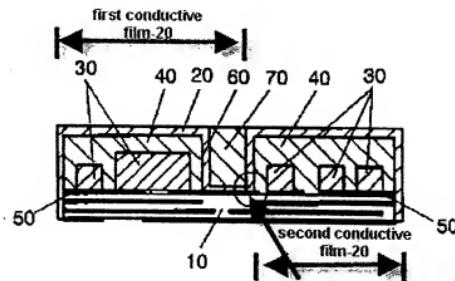
Applicants' invention, as previously recited by claim 2, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by Tsuneoka, namely:

...the partition is made of a composition of a resin

and a conductive material...

The Official Action argues that a partition being made of resin and conductive material is disclosed by Tsuneoka at paragraph [0028], lines 1-9 (see below):

FIG. 5



Regarding claim 2, Tsuneoka et al. teaches the partition 70 (view fig. 5; [0025],

lines 1-3; [0026] lines 1-3) is made of resin and conductive material (view fig. 5; [0028], lines 1-9); and the first sealing member 40 (first portion of element 40, on the left of In fig. 5), the second sealing member 40 (second portion of element 40, on the right in fig. 5) and the partition 70 contain a same resin (view fig. 5; [0028], lines 1-9).

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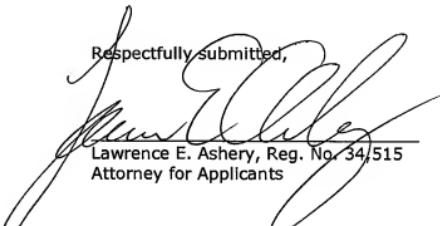
Applicants' representative has reviewed Tsuneoka at paragraph [0028], lines 1-9 and has found no disclosure of Applicants' claim partition being made of resin and conductive material. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection being made of claim 2.

In response to the outstanding Official Action, as claim 2 included allowable subject matter, Applicants have inserted a feature of claim 2 into claim 1. As Applicants have simply moved a dependently claimed feature into claim 1, this Amendment does not raise new issues. Accordingly, allowance of claim 1 (and claims dependent thereon) is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 has been amended to correct an ambiguity in the claim.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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